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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re the Application of |) | Confirmation No.: 3641 |
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| KAGA et al |) | Art Unit: 1623 |
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| Serial No.: 10/768,174 |) | Examiner: Roy P. Issac |
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For: HYPERBRANCHED POLYMERS DERIVED FROM ANHYDROSUGAR-RELATED COMPOUNDS AND PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION THEREOF

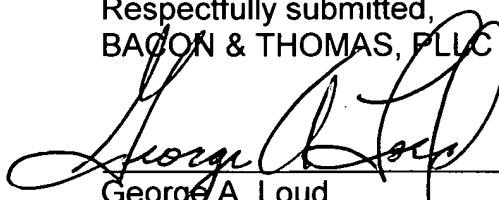
RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF JANUARY 12, 2007

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the office action of January 12, 2007, applicants, by their undersigned attorney hereby elect product claims 1-8. However the requirement is traversed for the reason that the process claims are limited to a process for preparation of novel products as defined by the elected product claims.

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